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ABIDJAN FOR GAASERUD, ADF FROM TREASURY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, EFIN, EAID, DH, AFDF

SUBJECT: BENIN ADF LOAN

REF: COTONOU 1021

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM GOVERNMENT OF BENIN AT
HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT U.S. ALTERNATE DIRECTOR,
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, IS BEING INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT
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\$5.5 MILLION RURAL HEALTH SERVICES LOAN COMING UP BEFORE
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND BOARD ON JUNE 27.

2. U.S. ALTERNATE DIRECTOR IS INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH OTHER
COUNTRY DIRECTORS IN PRIVATE AND DRAW UPON FOLLOWING TALK-
ING POINTS TO EXPLAIN OUR RATIONALE IN SUPPORTING THIS LOAN
IN LIGHT OF OUR MAY 24 ABSTENTION IN THE WORLD BANK (IDA)

ON TWO OTHER LOANS TO BENIN.

3. EMBASSY COTONOU SHOULD ALSO DRAW ON THESE TALKING POINTS
IN MAKING REPRESENTATION TO GPRB.

4. TALKING POINTS (FOR USE BY EMBASSY AND U.S. REP.
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND)

-- THE USG IS DEDICATED TO PROMOTE IMPROVED WORLDWIDE

OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. OUR PREVIOUS ABSTENTIONS IN
THE IBRD WERE A REFLECTION OF CONCERN FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS
SITUATION IN BENIN.

-- WE STRONGLY DESIRE TO SUPPORT NEEDY PEOPLE LOANS TO
BENIN AND, HAVING EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN, PLAN TO SUPPORT
THIS LOAN.

-- WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE MAY 22 GPRB RELEASE OF DRAFT
FUNDAMENTAL LAW ESTABLISHING A POPULAR ASSEMBLY AND FORM-
ING THE BASIS OF THE COUNTRY'S NEW CONSTITUTION. WE HOPE
FOR THE SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PROVISIONS FOR
INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS -- OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IS THE PROVISION
OF GUARANTEES AGAINST ARBITRARY ARREST AND PROLONGED DE-
TENTION WITHOUT TRIAL.

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-- WHILE WE NOTE THIS PROGRESS WITH FAVOR, WE WILL CONTINUE
TO OBSERVE HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN BENIN AND, IN KEEP-
ING WITH OUR POLICY, WILL INCLUDE HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERA-
TIONS IN FORMULATING OUR POSITION ON FUTURE MULTILATERAL
LOANS.

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